

DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION

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As a below-named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

SPOUTED BED APPARATUS FOR CONTACTING OBJECTS WITH A FLUID

the specification of which: (check one)

☐ is attached hereto.

☒ was filed on December 21, 1998, as United States Patent Application Serial No. or PCT International Application Number 09/216,859, and was amended on 19 (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the patentability of this application in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.56(a).

Prior Foreign Application(s): I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or §365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below, or § 365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Priority Claimed

<u> </u> (Application No.)	<u> </u> (Country)	<u> </u> (Day/Month/Year Filed)	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes No
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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code § 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

Application No.
60/068,498

Filing Date
December 22, 1997

I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in 37 CFR § 1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

<u> </u> (U.S. Application Serial No.)	<u> </u> (U.S. Filing Date)	<u> </u> (Status--patented, pending, abandoned)
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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements are made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. § 1001 and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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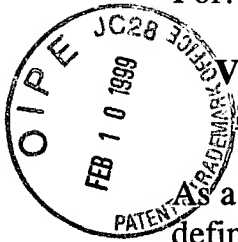
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**VERIFIED STATEMENT (DECLARATION) CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY
STATUS (37 CFR § 1.9(f) AND § 1.27(b)) - INDEPENDENT INVENTOR**

I, a below named inventor, I hereby declare that I qualify as an independent inventor as defined in 37 CFR § 1.9(c) for purposes of paying reduced fees under 35 USC § 41(a) to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office with regard to the invention entitled SPOUTED BED APPARATUS FOR CONTACTING OBJECTS WITH A FLUID described in:

☐ The specification filed herewith

☒ U.S. Application Serial No. 09/216,859, filed December 21, 1998

☐ U.S. Patent No. _____, issued _____

I have not assigned, granted, conveyed or licensed, and am under no obligation under contract or law to assign, grant, convey or license, any rights in the invention to any person who could not be classified as an independent inventor under 37 CFR § 1.9(c) if that person had made the invention, or to any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern under 37 CFR § 1.9(d) or a non-profit organization under 37 CFR § 1.9(e).

Each person, concern or organization to which I have assigned, granted, conveyed or licensed, or am under an obligation under contract or law to assign, grant, convey or license, any rights in the invention is listed below:

☒ No such person, concern or organization

☐ persons, concerns or organizations listed below*

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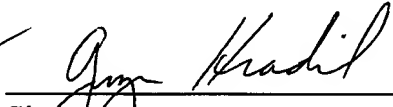
*NOTE: Separate Verified Statements are required from each named person, concern or organization having rights to the invention averring to their status as small entities (37 CFR § 1.27).

I acknowledge the duty to file, in this application or patent, notification of any change in status resulting in loss of entitlement to small entity status prior to paying, or at the time of paying, the earliest of the Issue Fee or any maintenance fee due after the date on which status as a small entity is no longer appropriate (37 CFR § 1.28(b)).

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further, that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 USC § 1001, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issuing thereon, or any patent to which this Verified Statement is directed.

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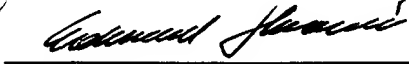
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